

Ultra Violet Rays in Modern Dermatology. By Ralph Bernstein, M. D. 162 pages. Published by Achey & Goerecht, Lancaster, Penn.

This little book is devoted to the effect of light on skin diseases. It is well written, especially clear in technicalities, and for help to one who is using the ultra violet light, it is highly recommended. One always has to read a treatise of this sort with a certain amount of reservation for the author's enthusiasm, otherwise he might reach a conclusion that with the Kromayer lamp and the Alpine sun lamp, his equipment for the treatment of skin diseases is complete, whereas he may find by experience that the use of these instruments is extremely limited, though in their limitation they are most excellent. Therefore, by reading such a treatise and reserving the right to judge, a lot of benefit can be gained.

G. D. C.

The Ungeared Mind. By R. H. Chase. 351 pp. Illustrated. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company. 1918. Price \$2.75.

This book, as its name must indicate, is not of a strictly scientific character. It represents, perhaps, the leisurely ruminations of a man who has studied his classics and at the same time has found much food for reflection in his every-day work. There is nothing in it to make one consider that it has been compiled for popular consumption, since it is not of the kind that will appeal to the herd. One can easily picture in his mind's eye, a cultured physician of rather broad vision who has felt it incumbent upon himself to write, without any clear direct purpose before him. He has found more pleasure in the production of his pet volume than most of us will derive from reading it. It is a rare man, indeed, who has not felt, at some time in his life, that it would be interesting to let his pen wander over page after page and inscribe the thoughts that play before his mind. How pleasant it is to coin an apt phrase and round out a paragraph with a pertinent quotation. The Ungeared Mind deals chiefly with psychiatry, a subject in which Dr. Chase is well versed. It is written in a pleasant style and gives one the feeling that it has been written by a well-read and interesting man.

M. B. L.

Infection and Resistance. By Hans Zinsser. 585 pp. 2nd ed.; revised. New York: Macmillan. 1918. Price \$4.25.

The second edition of Zinsser's well known work appears with omissions and additions in keeping with the most modern conceptions of the subject in hand.

This is true especially of the subject of anaphylaxis—a voluminous literature has been reviewed and the concurrent and conflicting views, based upon his own and contemporary studies, are concisely correlated. The reactions due to non-specific proteins are given the attention they deserve. A section on immunity in syphilis is a new addition.

Zinsser's work is that of a student and is written for students in immunology. It embraces the principles of infection and immunity without discussing the technical phases of experimental procedure. Its subject matter is probably the most absorbing in all medicine, lucidly and interestingly presented.

E. A. V.

The Disabled Soldier. By Douglas C. McMurtrie. 232 pp. New York: Macmillan 1919. Price \$2.

In this time of rehabilitation of every phase of human life, nothing seems so paramount as the rehabilitation of the human being who has become disabled on the battlefield of war, industry, or life in general. Written by an enthusiast, Douglas

McMurtrie, who has for the past nine years devoted his time, experience and good will to the cripple, this book is a valuable contribution to American literature. Not only the medical practitioner and the social worker, but every individual interested in the welfare of the disabled, can gather a world of information from this volume. Beginning with a historic review about the "cast-away" of society, the author covers all phases of reconstruction of the human wreck in the various countries that have participated in the last war. The question of vocational reeducation and guidance is fully dealt with in reference to men who are handicapped, not only through the loss or deformity of one or more extremity, but who have lost sight or hearing as well.

A. G.

Pathological Technique. A practical Manual for workers in Pathologic Histology and Bacteriology, including directions for the performance of Autopsies and for Clinical Diagnosis by Laboratory Methods. By F. B. Mallory, M. D., Associate Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School; and J. B. Wright, M. D., Pathologist to the Massachusetts General Hospital. Seventh edition, revised and enlarged. Octavo of 555 pages, with 181 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1918. Cloth, \$3.75.

The seventh edition of a standard work attests to the good reception accorded its predecessors. Of interest to the histo-pathologist and general laboratory worker are a few additions to the original text. Goodpasture's acid polychrome methylene blue stain for frozen sections and for demonstrating granules in pancreatic cells; Graham's ovidase stain for Leukocytic granules; Bemian's Congo red stain for spirochetes and Claudius' stain for flagella are among the most recently elaborated techniques. The method of differentiating the types of pneumococci as carried out at the Rockefeller Institute is given in detail, but no reference is made to work of other investigators. Among the newer suggestions are the use of the safety-razor blade in section cutting, benzine in paraffin embedding and Rubaschkin's method of fixing celloidin and frozen sections to the slide for staining. The section dealing with the performance of autopsies completes an excellent work.

W. T. C.

The Medical Clinics of North America. Volume II., Number III. (The Philadelphia Number, November, 1918). Octavo of 275 pages with 46 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1919. Published Bimonthly. Price per year: Paper, \$10.00; Cloth, \$14.00.

Alfred Stengel: Influenza Epidemics of 1889 and 1918. H. R. M. Landis: Influenza and Some of Its Complications. J. B. Deaver: Surgical Complications and Sequelae of Influenza. R. C. Rosenberger: Bacteriologic Study of Sputum in the Recent Epidemic. C. W. Burr: Mental Complications and Sequelae of Influenza. E. A. Case: Bacteriology of Influenza. J. L. Davis: Nose, Throat and Ear Affections Complicating or Following Influenza. Maurice Ostheimer: Influenza in Children. Thos McCrae: Sciatica. J. F. Schamberg and Albert Strickler: Intraspinal therapy in Syphilis. E. H. Funk: Chylothorax; Aortic Aneurysm with Esophageal Rupture; Tuberculosis and Pregnancy. M. E. Rehfuess: Medical Treatment of Biliary Affections. J. P. Crozer Griffith: Dilatation of Colon in Children, with Especial Reference to Idiopathic Form. Maurice Ostheimer: Feeding Babies During Their Second Year. C. S. Potts: Cerebral Palsies of Children. Leon Jonas: Diabetes. D. R. Bowen: X-Ray Diagnosis of Lung Diseases. S. D. W. Lundlum: Physiologic Psychiatry. David Riesman: Influenza, Remarks Upon Symptoms, Prevention, and Treatment.